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Chip Kelly has taken several chances on formerly injured players and only time will tell if his methods can keep his talent healthy. / GETTY IMAGES

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SwitchBOT? Video of destruction was a prank

Robocrime. The death of hitchBOT remains unsolved as the purported video of its death is revealed to be fake.

Quoted

"How stupid do you have to be to see a cute little robot and decide to destroy it? Never forget #Hitchbot."
@LisaMarieBowman

Below, the purported video of hitchBOT getting attacked. The street, above, where the video was filmed, has no surveillance cameras. / PROVIDED/SAM NEWHOUSE/@COG2286

Two local funnymen decided to use the destruction of hitchBOT to further their own fame.

Jesse Wellen and Ed Bassmaster, local vloggers known for posting videos on YouTube of their various "pranks" including tricking women into thinking they're being cheated on by significant others, claimed to have found surveillance footage from Elfreth's Alley showing an Eagles jersey-wearing assailant rip apart hitchBOT.

The hitchhiking, talking robot from Toronto was created as a social experiment in the limits of human kindness.

It successfully traveled across Canada and to Germany and the Netherlands, but only lasted two weeks in the U.S. before it met its demise in Philly.

Bassmaster and Wellen picked up hitchBOT and left it on a bench in Old City just south of Race Street on 2nd Street in the early morning hours of Saturday over the weekend.

Hours later, the robot was destroyed.

Wellen claimed to have discovered surveillance video of the attack and posted it to Snapchat on Monday.

The brutal video even shows the attacker hold up what appears to be hitchBOT's arm at one point.

"Here's video of the jerk who killed hitchBOT," popular tech blog Gizmodo posted.

However, there is no surveillance camera on the street shown in the footage.

Now Bassmaster is retweeting messages congratulating him on the "prank."

"Hands down best prank of all time," one wrote.

Wellen and Bassmaster did not respond to requests for comment.

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Rebooting the robot

Rebuilding efforts

A "hitchBOT rescue" meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening — part of a collaboration among several groups including Geekadelphia, the Hacktory and NextFab.

A Kickstarter fund to support the rebuilding of hitchBOT has raised more than $4,500.

The Thursday meet-up is planned to give local inventors and techies an opportunity to determine what exactly is needed to replace hitchBOT.

"We may have convinced the Canadian-based inventors that Philly can redeem itself," an event listing on Nextfab.com said.

The Toronto-based inventors at Ryerson University initially said they were not interested in recreating hitchBOT, but AP reported that they may have changed their minds after an "outpouring of support."

Creators Frauke Zeller and David Smith declined to comment but a spokeswoman said they would make an announcement about the future of hitchBOT today.

A video still of the brawler knocking a man to the ground with a punch. / PROVIDED

Knockout. Police on the hunt for South Philly strip club brawler

A brawl outside an upscale South Philly strip club left one man unconscious as the attacker left the scene in a cab.

Video released by police shows a group of men leaving Club Risque on the 1700 block of S. Columbus Boulevard in late June.

Some sort of argument erupts. One member of the group — wearing khaki pants, no less — starts throwing punches.

A beefy brawler sends one victim to the ground. The video doesn't show it, but police say that when a second man jumped in, he was knocked unconscious.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid- to late-20s, standing 6 feet tall, with a muscular build.

Police are asking anyone with information to call. DAN KELLEY

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McGinty enters race for US Senate

Kathleen McGinty announced Tuesday that she would enter the race for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator in the 2016 race against incumbent Pat Toomey.

"I'm entering this race to be a voice for the kids growing up like I did — the daughter of a Philadelphia police officer and a restaurant hostess," McGinty said in a statement released on her Facebook page.

McGinty / PROVIDED

After running unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor in Pennsylvania, McGinty became Gov. Tom Wolf's chief of staff for a few months before resigning, leading to speculation that she would run for Senate.

She is in competition for the Democratic nomination with former Rep. Joe Sestak.

McGinty served as environmental adviser to Bill Clinton and environmental protection secretary for former Gov. Ed Rendell. METRO

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Philly. Charges dismissed in Korean War vet abduction

Charges were dismissed against two people accused of involvement in the bizarre abduction of a Korean War veteran who was forced to get in a car, open a bank account and rent cars for the suspects.

Prosecutors vowed to refile charges in the case.

In April, Vashti Williams, 23, was accused with at least three other people of forcing the 86-year-old man and his wife into a car on the 3900 block of Pennsgrove Street. They were ordered to open an account at a TD Bank location — the suspects actually provided the money for the new bank account.

Using a debit card issued that day, the suspects allegedly rented two cars, a 2015 Chevy Silverado and a 2014 Dodge Charger.

It's unclear what they wanted to do with the cars. Police stopped one man, Damon Cornish, 24, in one of the vehicles a short time later.

Williams was charged with kidnapping and robbery. Cornish, who was not identified as having taken part in the kidnapping, was charged with receiving stolen property.

But during a pretrial hearing Tuesday, defense attorneys argued that the case should be dismissed because the victim and his wife had not appeared in court to testify.

They argued that without that testimony, the only evidence available to charge their clients was the word of investigators, which was, essentially, hearsay.

DAN KELLEY

Path to justice

Assistant District Attorney Emily Rodriguez said in court that the victims did not appear because two suspects haven't been arrested yet in the case.

- Prosecutors want to hold a hearing when all four defendants are available that would allow the victims to testify just once because both have health problems.

What's the word, Philadelphia?

Pedestrians pass the new mural "Language Labs" by artist Shira Walinsky on Tuesday at 7th and Moore streets in South Philadelphia. The mural in a largely immigrant neighborhood features common words translated in over 30 languages. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Murder suspect in Brewerytown evades SWAT team

Philly. Police are seeking the shooter who gunned down a 46-year-old man.

A SWAT vehicle is seen on Girard Avenue on Monday. / SAM NEWHOUSE

Police and SWAT officers blocked off Girard Avenue between 28th and 26th streets for three hours Monday night as they surrounded a home where a suspected shooter was believed to be holed up — only to discover he had escaped.

The unknown shooter fatally shot 45-year-old Earnest Pearson with a shotgun around 5:20 p.m. inside an automotive repair shop on 27th and Cabot streets.

The shooter walked up to the garage, then pointed the shotgun at Pearson and fired, according to police.

"Officers followed footprints containing oil and blood to a property on the 2600 block of W. Girard Avenue; a barricade situation was declared," the police report stated. "SWAT responded to the location, searching the property with negative results."

A chef at Irie Jamaican Restaurant on W. Girard Ave said he was locked in his restaurant with a customer for about three hours as police investigated the location where the shooter was believed to be hiding.

As of press time Tuesday night, the search for the suspect was ongoing.

Friends at the scene of the murder declined to give their names but said Pearson "was a good man."

Anyone with information is being asked to call 911, call 215-686-TIPS (8477) or text a tip to PPDTIP (773847).

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Stewart steps away from comedy gold as election heats up

Worn out. Stewart told the Guardian newspaper in April that he was weary after covering four previous elections.

President Barack Obama speaks with Jon Stewart. / GETTY IMAGES

Heartbroken fans are wishing Jon Stewart a "jonvoyage" on Twitter, but Donald Trump and the other 2016 presidential candidates are breathing a sigh of relief.

Stewart steps down from "The Daily Show" on Thursday after 16 years of biting political and media satire just as the presidential election campaign — a comedy gold mine — heats up.

Trump, the billionaire businessman turned Republican Party White House contender, has become Stewart's favorite target as his tenure on the popular Comedy Central program winds down.

Stewart, who is widely credited with having transformed U.S. political comedy, has dubbed next year's elections "Democalypse 2016."

The 52-year-old comedian has mocked Trump's hair and gleefully ridiculed his comments on everything from immigrants to breast-feeding. REUTERS

Quoted

"Donald Trump is the candidate version of the hot dog-crust pizza. You don't want it, you never ordered it. You can't believe someone came up with it. But now it's all you want to eat." Stewart

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Report. Man sues wife for fraud after seeing her with no makeup

"He said he was deceived by her as she used to fill up her face with makeup before their marriage," said a source. / GETTY IMAGES

An Algerian man has reportedly sued his wife after waking up on the day after their marriage to find her barefaced with no makeup.

Emirates 247 reported that the groom took his bride to court the day after their marriage, where he accused her of not looking as pretty as she did before the wedding.

The groom, who was not identified, was seeking $20,000 in damages for "psychological suffering," according to the report.

Algerian reports claimed when he first laid eyes on his au naturel wife, he didn't recognize her and even mistook her for a "thief who came to steal his apartment."

"He said he was deceived by her as she used to fill up her face with makeup before their marriage," Emirates 247 reported, quoting a court source.

Psychological suffering

$20K

The groom, who was not identified, was seeking $20,000 in damages for "psychological suffering," according to the report.

"He said she looked very beautiful and attractive before marriage, but when he woke up in the morning and found that she had washed the makeup off her face, he was frightened as he thought she was a thief."

There was no word on whether an annulment was looming, but if it is, we suggest the bride treat herself to a celebratory Sephora splurge.

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1 With final defendant, Madoff criminal case comes to an end

In 1964, Irwin Lipkin became one of the first employees at a small New York trading firm called Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities.

Five decades later, Lipkin, 77, is set to be sentenced on Wednesday in Manhattan federal court for falsifying records, marking the end of the criminal case stemming from the collapse of Madoff's multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme more than six years ago.

Lipkin is the last of 15 people who either pleaded guilty or were convicted at trial in connection with the fraud, which cost investors approximately $17 billion in principal.

Prosecutors have conceded that Madoff alone knew the full extent of his deception. Even his deputy, Frank DiPascali, who was intimately involved in the fraud, testified he believed Madoff had hidden assets to cover customers' liabilities almost until the end.

Lipkin, who pleaded guilty to falsifying records as the firm's controller, has asked for probation, citing his declining health, while prosecutors have requested prison time. REUTERS

Lipkin / HANDOUT PHOTO

2 Suit: Kentucky school officer shackled disabled kids

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit accusing a school resource officer in Kentucky of handcuffing two disabled children to punish them for behavior related to their disabilities, ACLU officials said on Tuesday.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. It accuses Kenton County Sheriff's Office deputy Kevin Sumner, a Covington Independent Public Schools resource officer, of violating the children's constitutional rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act during three incidents in 2014. REUTERS

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Major US airlines end trophy hunter shipments after Cecil outcry

Three U.S. airlines have banned the transport of lion, leopard, elephant, rhino or buffalo killed by trophy hunters, in the latest fallout from the killing of Zimbabwe's Cecil the lion last month.

American Airlines said on Tuesday it would join Delta Airlines and United Airlines in banning the transport of animals known in Africa as the "big five", coined by hunters because they are the hardest to kill on foot. REUTERS

Eco-friendly 3D printed supercar

A California automotive startup is hoping their prototype supercar will redefine car manufacturing. The car dubbed "Blade" didn't come off an assembly line, but out of a 3D printer.

"The 3D printed chassis is only 102 pounds and has the same strength and safety protection as a frame made out of steel," said Brad Balzer, the lead designer on the project.

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The Blade is fitted with a 700-horsepower engine that runs on natural gas. REUTERS

Key senator announces support for Iran nuclear deal

Democratic U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, a co-author of the bill allowing Congress to review the nuclear deal with Iran, said on Tuesday he would support the nuclear agreement.

The agreement announced on July 14 between world powers and Tehran "is a dramatic improvement over the status quo in improving global security," Kaine said in a Senate speech announcing he would back it.

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How a recession helps

Paycheck. Studies show that women flock to high-paying STEM jobs at times when the economy is in a slump.

Encouraging more women to pursue careers in science, technology, education and math — the so-called STEM fields — is a worthy goal, given the potential payoff for our economy and for women who get jobs in these higher-paying fields. One surprising way to make it happen: Suffer through a recession.

It's where the money is

New research has found that increased unemployment leads both genders to move toward fields associated with better earnings and job prospects, and that women are more likely to shift their majors in that direction than men.

The switch to more math-intensive majors suggests that there is a large pool of students who are capable of succeeding in these fields even if they might choose other areas of study in better economic times, according to a paper published by Institute for the Study of Labor, a German research center. This behavior contradicts the tiresome argument that women are less capable of success in STEM fields.

Good talent rises to the top

The researchers' findings show that there is a talent pool, says Erica Blom, who worked on the research while getting her Ph.D. in economics from Yale University. "The problem isn't that there aren't enough women with the talent or inclination," she says.

One way to entice women into pursuing STEM fields may be to focus on the economic payoff by framing education in STEM majors as an investment, the researchers say.

The study used the American Community Survey, an ongoing Census Bureau study, to examine which fields people have chosen over the past 50

"The problem isn't that there aren't enough women with the talent or inclination," says Erica Blom, an economics researcher at Yale University. / ISTOCK

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years. The sampled population represents about 5 percent of all college graduates over that period.

The researchers found that recessions induce women to choose "gender atypical" fields and to choose more difficult, math-intensive majors, even after controlling for better employment and earnings prospects.

Making strides in business

Among women, business fields upticked the most when unemployment rose. Other large increases in the share of women occurred in nursing, accounting, technical health fields, computer-related fields, engineering and economics.

Fields that lost the largest share of women included education, literature and languages, sociology, psychology and other liberal arts studies.

Among men, the largest gains during periods of high unemployment were in natural science, pharmacy, accounting, engineering, nursing and chemistry and pre-med. Majors in early education and sociology dropped by the most, followed by other education fields, literature and languages, leisure studies, history and psychology.

The study was not trying to show that business and STEM majors are "better" than liberal arts majors, researcher Benjamin Keys hastens to point out.

Nor was it gauging which fields make people happier or more fulfilled, or which careers are best for society.

But the study did find that increased income from switching to better-paying majors helped offset some of the lifetime loss of income that happens when people graduate in a recession. The offset made recessions "10 percent less painful" for recession-era graduates, the researchers found.

"It is simply a fact that people taking a math-intensive course of study end up getting paid more down the line," Keys says.

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@ladygaga: Good morning! Don't forget to be yourself today, that's true beauty!

@mindykaling: Tonight at dinner my closest friend alleged I once said "Joran van der sloot is handsome" and I've never been offended in some many ways

@OfficialWillow: The media thinks my parents are getting divorced like every second hahaha !

@SarahKSilverman: People die but they'll be in my phone contacts forever

Who's next in the 2015 Celebrity Summer Divorce-athon?

It's been a pretty brutal summer, as far as long-term matrimony goes. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert, Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog, even! Not to mention all those rumors about Will and Jada. And now? Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale are done after 13 years of marriage. What the hell? (Oh, and if pop rock isn't your scene, Reba McEntire also announced she's getting a divorce, y'all.)

Given the shock some of these announcements have caused, I'm trying to be prepared for the next big shocker, putting the following marriages on notice. Granted, this is all completely baseless speculation, as I've heard nothing about any trouble in these particular unions, but the Stefani/Rossdale split came from out of nowhere, so who's to say? Here's who I'm most worried about:

• **John Krasinski and Emily Blunt:** They seem ridiculously happy and supernice, but if this summer has taught me anything, it's that terrible things happen to good people.

• **Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson:** Maybe the stress of having Chet Haze for a son will finally be too much.

• **David Bowie and Iman:** They've been pretty quiet lately. Let's speculate!

• **Christina Aguilera and Matt Rutler:** Sure, they're actually only still engaged, but two other "The Voice" judges have gone down, so Rutler should probably be worried.

There's a new 'New Girl' in town

Zooey Deschanel is a mom. The "New Girl" star welcomed a baby girl earlier this week. "I am thrilled to confirm that Zooey Deschanel and her husband, Jacob Pechenik, are new parents to a beautiful healthy baby girl," her rep says in a statement. That birth announcement also sneakily serves as confirmation that the formerly engaged couple have tied the knot, as Deschanel and Pechenik were married recently in a top-secret ceremony. Sneaky, or just economical with the press releases?

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Check out Alexander Skarsgard in drag

How do you get attention for your new little indie film? If you're Alexander Skarsgard, you hit the movie's premiere in full, glorious, '70s drag. That's just what he did for the debut of "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," towering over his co-stars in gold lamé and an epic Farrah Fawcett wig. It's a pretty fabulous look for old Skarsgard, I have to be honest. Now let's see if he can sissy that walk.

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Kevin Bacon demands more male nudity

Kevin Bacon made this somber PSA about a serious topic: not enough full-frontal male nudity. "In so many films and TV shows, we see gratuitous female nudity," he says. "It's not fair to actresses, and it's not fair to actors because we want to be naked too." He's a huge proponent of more on-screen dongs — particularly his own, in an upcoming Marvel film or elsewhere. "Let me play Christian Grey. We'll do the whole movie in one long close-up of my penis," he offers. I've heard worse ideas.

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Sometimes it's best to be 'Difficult'

Watch "Difficult People" on Hulu today. / ALI GOLDSTEIN

Premier. A new Hulu series follows Julie Klausner and Billy Eichner as they misbehave all over New York City.

If "Difficult People" is anything like the other shows Amy Poehler has produced, (maybe you've heard of those little programs "Parks and Recreation" and "Broad City"), it's worth skipping a night out for.

KLAUSNER AND EICHNER GETTY IMAGES

Created by comedian Julie Klausner, the show follows the lives of the fictional Julie and pal Billy (Billy Eichner), two sarcastic and slightly bitter 30-somethings with a love for comedy. Their humor — and, by their own judgment, immense talents — were never fully recognized, for which they blame all of New York City.

Julie works as a TV recap writer, while Billy waits tables at a diner owned by their friends Denise (Gabourey Sidibe) and Nate (Derrick Baskin).

"What excites me now, and what I think made this current climate comfortable for this project, is that people really want authenticity," says Klausner. "There's a certain auteurship about that that's exciting."

Billy Eichner agrees, explaining that viewers want to relate to who they watch. "In early reactions to the show, people felt like they were living vicariously through these characters," he says. "These are very blunt, honest characters who say how they feel. Sometimes they're mean and sometimes they're outrageous and in your face."

For the series' other stars, it was the chance to work with Klausner and Eichner, on top of a stellar story line, that drew them to "Difficult People."

Cole Escola plays Matthew, a younger coworker of Billy's who has everything Billy doesn't, from clothes to career opportunities. Escola actually met Klausner as a fan years earlier, after a performance. "Everyone involved is like a hero of mine," he says. "I've been listening to [Julie's] podcast for a long time."

Viewers can also expect a rotating door of guest stars throughout the show's eight episodes, from Martin Short to Amy Sedaris to … Debbie Harry?

"I was excited about all the guest stars, but it wasn't until Debbie Harry came to set that I was completely glued to the floor and speechless," Klausner gushes.

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Character work

Describe your character in four sentences or fewer.

James Urbaniak: "He is the long-suffering, deeply supportive significant other of the unfiltered crazy person."

Cole Escola: "You know how there's an awful person and you're like, 'How does this person get all of these things? They don't deserve them.' I get to play that."

Andrea Martin: "Neurosis, narcissism, comedy, overprotection, enabling — what else? — controlling. Everything you want in a mother."

On TV. Tyra Banks and Kermit open up at TCA

"Honestly, having a show that you are the only person [hosting] is very, very difficult."

So said Tyra Banks, at the ABC panel for her new syndicated daytime talk show "FABlife" at the Television Critics Association press tour in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Banks was referring to her years on "The Tyra Banks Show" and "America's Next Top Model," describing that time as "her most successful" but also "most unhappy."

But she doesn't have to worry about that with "FABlife." The former model will be sharing hosting duties with tastemakers such as Chrissy Teigen.

Teigen is officially listed as the food expert, but she also promised she'd be sharing some social media tips. "I know all the little secrets," Teigen said, when asked if she'd be giving any advice on how people can up their Instagram game.

Next up, Kermit and Miss Piggy appeared as part of a panel promoting the new "Muppets" show.

Tyra Banks and Chrissy Teigen talk "FABlife." / GETTY IMAGES

The show is about the (tragically) fictional late night show, "Up Late with Miss Piggy." Getting straight to the heart of the matter, Kermit confessed, "It can be tough to work with your ex." Drama.

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Life of Dillon gets everything they didn't ask for

Interview. Fame wasn't a priority for the three Londoners, but it's happening anyway.

Life of Dillon is currently on tour with Meghan Trainor. / PROVIDED

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The three British lads who together comprise Life of Dillon never sought out fame. While David Keiffer, Joe Griffith and Rob Griffith are relishing their time in the spotlight now, with teen girls screaming their names and begging for selfies, the guys initially didn't want to be pop stars. They wanted to be songwriters.

"We really wanted to write for other artists, but we couldn't make that a reality," Joe Griffith says. "We had to realize things didn't work out as we hoped." They talked about disbanding, but then decided to try singing the songs themselves. And that decision changed everything.

The moment they realized they made it

The trio has been doing nonstop promo for their EP "Prologue," which came out in May, and have had some definite standout moments in the past few months. "For me, it was our first big show in Minneapolis," Rob Griffith says. "We were performing alongside Fifth Harmony and Flo Rida. During our performance, we won over the crowd and we just weren't expecting such a big response. People wanted to take pictures with us and hug us. It was absolutely amazing."

For David Keiffer and Joe, the most surreal moment was being flown from the U.K. to New York City shortly after Thanksgiving to meet the whole Sony team. "One day we were in our flat in London and the next we were in this high-rise building talking with legends, including Doug Morris, the CEO of Sony," Joe says.

Best of both worlds

In addition to being signed to Sony, Life of Dillon is also managed by Adam Alpert, who manages The Chainsmokers. All of the guys agree that having the mix of individual managing and the support of a huge label has been key to growing their budding careers.

But of course it isn't all work and no play. "We partied with the Chainsmokers in L.A. and they are absolutely insane," Joe says, keeping the exact details of what went down under lock.

Ready to mingle

Considering Life of Dillon's fanbase is largely teen girls, we couldn't resist asking about their romantic statuses. "This is the first time we've been asked this, so you're getting the exclusive," Keiffer says. "We're all single and available, so hit us up on Twitter or Instagram. No, I'm just kidding!"

"No, he's not!" Rob interjects. "We're at @lifeofdillon. Come find us."

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‘Shaun the Sheep Movie’ doesn’t need dialogue to charm

Shaun, the sheep from “Shaun the Sheep Movie,” the latest from stop-motion company Aardman, is pretty adorbs. / LIONSGATE

Review

‘Shaun the Sheep Movie’

Directors: Richard Starzak, Mark Burton

Voices of: Justin Fletcher, John Sparkes

Rating: PG

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In the U.K. the stop-motion outfit Aardman are gods; some Britishers spend Christmas Day watching their Wallace and Gromit shorts (along with the “Star Wars” movies). They’ve never quite conquered America, but it’s probably inevitable. Their shtick is stubbornly English, built upon a foundation of deadpan, absurdist humor and a loving portrayal of national foibles, plus bad teeth and cheese.

“Shaun the Sheep Movie” is even more of a hard sell. It’s the rare animated feature with no dialogue whatsoever (and therefore no billable stars). Built off of Aardman’s long-running TV show, it follows the denizens of a farm, chiefly the cute titular sheep, a bumbling farmer (who speaks in grunts and mouth-noises), his overly loyal sheepdog and others. Here, they wind up, by accident, in the big, bad city, where the critters battle a nefarious animal catcher while the farmer, after suffering light head trauma, loses his memory and is reborn as a trendy hairdresser. There’s also some business where the sheep try to pose, sometimes with disarming success, as people.

There are, honestly, not enough gags, but it’s less about the quantity of jokes, though, than the quality — or rather, the way they’re all so gosh darned pleasant. “Shaun the Sheep Movie” coasts on a steady wave of silliness, including the visual and sometimes text-based puns that have become Aardman’s stock in trade. Rarely do things get as inspired as in the “Wallace & Gromit” shorts, and there’s even nothing on the order of their underrated “Flushed Away.” The vibe is one of modesty and relaxation, as though it will settle for a smile permanently plastered on your face rather than sporadic guffaws.

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Taurus Letting someone else make financial decisions for you will backfire. You owe it to yourself to stay in control of your monetary matters.

Gemini Your heightened emotional state will lead to an impulsive response. Consider the possible repercussions before you say something hurtful.

Cancer Be cautious around people who are acting unreasonably. This is a great day to work on a solitary project away from divisive situations.

Leo You may feel like complaining, but doing your best will bring you closer to your goal. Working hard will give you a solid reputation.

Virgo Take the time and money necessary to make prudent investments. Hoping for an inheritance or windfall will not secure your future.

Libra Despite your appeal, don't be too eager to commit to a partnership. Someone may be trying to use you for selfish reasons.

Scorpio Keep moving forward. You will be pleased with the results you achieve and the satisfaction you feel. Love is in the air.

Sagittarius Make plans to spend an intimate evening with a special someone. If you are single, go to a community event to meet someone.

Capricorn You will end up in trouble or at a loss due to someone you counted on who turned out to be unreliable. Take matters into your own hands.

Aquarius You'll be drawn toward new experiences. If you are willing and prepared to make a contribution at a function, it will help you advance.

Pisces You will be upset with yourself if you allow friends or relatives to keep you from following through with your plans. **EUGENIA LAST**

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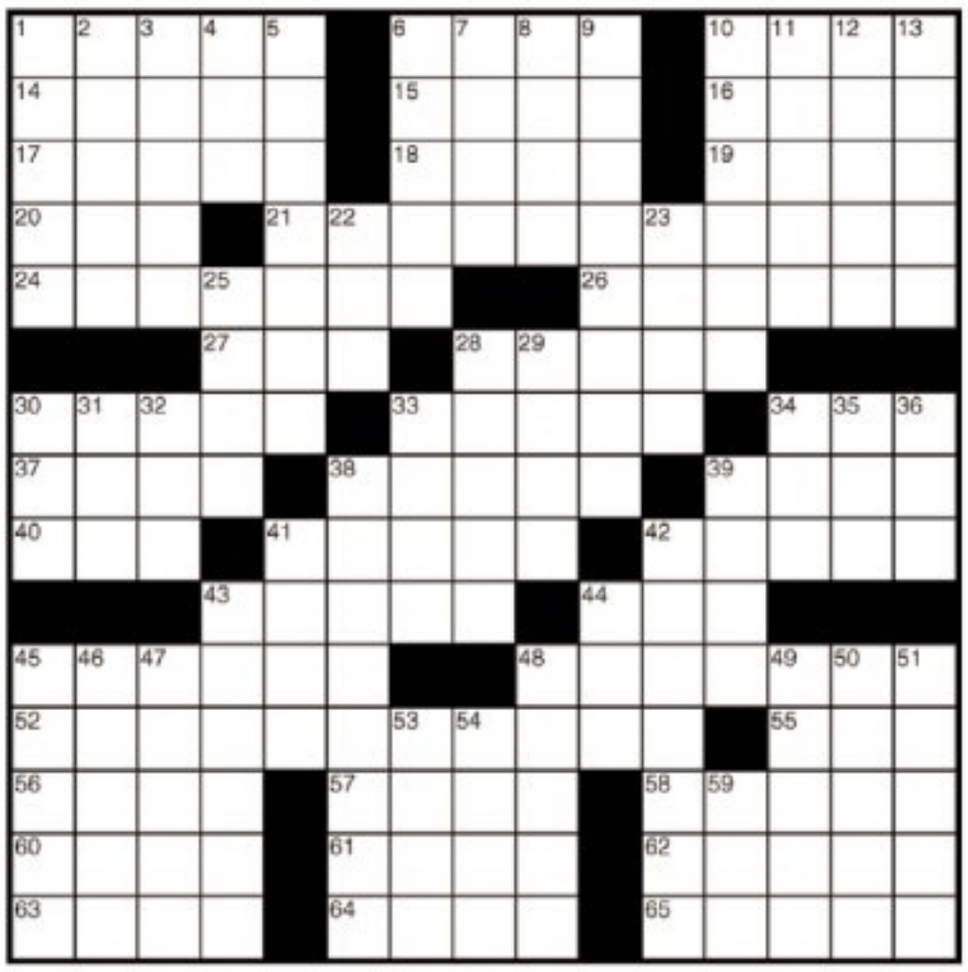

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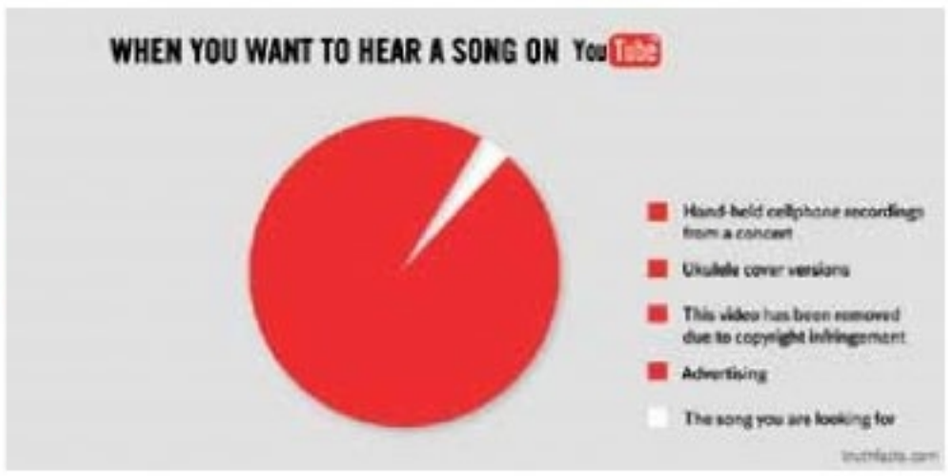
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Outdoor trend

"There's a big trend towards teepees. You tell your friends to bring their pillows, and you all sort of have a teepee party. It's that 'gather around, bohemian, quasi-back to nature thing,'" says Rottet.

Throw the chicest summertime parties in even the smallest space.

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Although summer may be winding down, we still have a few weeks of rooftop parties and fire escape barbecues left on our calendar.

And since city dwellers don't have sprawling backyards, interior designer Lauren Rottet, the founding principal and president of Rottet Studio, tells us five key ways to jazz up a tiny outdoor space.

Pick your style

"You can go two ways with a small space," says Rottet. The first is a minimalist approach. For this, the designer recommends including just the essentials: "a couple of really beautiful big plants, one lovely little lounge chair and a tiny end table."

If your style is bolder, Rottet says sometimes the more wall interest you create, the bigger the space can feel.

"You want to really control where your eye goes," she says. "That's the whole secret to design, period."

Keep their eyes focused on one pretty spot by "hanging plants on a wall, painting designs or adding decals," she says. "The point is, whatever you see as you come out the door to your outdoor space, that wall needs to catch the eyes immediately."

Don't be afraid to decorate with white

"White is the perfect way to feel summer clean," says the expert. She loves oversized white cotton or linen throw pillows for an instant "refreshing and cool feeling." And since white gets dirty quickly, Rottet says skip the expensive brands and opt for chic styles from stores such as Ikea. Another favorite of hers: Turkish towels. "They're these pretty hand towels that are so bohemian chic and they're very popular right now." Rottet likes to drape them over chairs.

Sip in style

You don't need a big table to be party ready. Serve your drinks or snacks in style by wheeling them out on a bar cart. "All you have to do is bring out your pitcher of tea or martinis and you have a cute serving spot," says Rottet.

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Finishing touch

"If you could buy one flower for your outdoor space, pick white hydrangeas," says Rottet. "They have this big, beautiful bulb, and are just a beautiful flower."

Another landscaping tip: "Invest in a really cool planter," the expert advises. She recommends scouring flea markets for antique styles or hitting your local flower district for affordable options. As for plants, Rottet likes ivy "that are really full and really drapey" or a little manicured boxwood shrub for a "beautiful English Hamptons look."

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A rendering of One Riverside shows the building's location on the river, with the Schuylkill Banks Boardwalk in front. ALL PHOTOS DRANOFF PROPERTIES

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Dranoff Properties has another high-end high-rise in the works.

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Construction has begun on another Carl Dranoff tower in Philadelphia. Dranoff Properties is responsible for large and luxe residential buildings like Symphony House, Southstar Lofts, and 777 Broad — and those are just the ones on South Broad Street. The latest project, One Riverside in Fitler Square, looks like it will be no exception, with 82 units and 22 stories on the Schuylkill River.

"Luxurious amenities are a hallmark of all Dranoff Properties' projects, and we pulled out all the stops with One Riverside," says Carl Dranoff. Included on the property will be a 60-foot indoor pool with a sundeck that overlooks the river, a fitness center and steam rooms, a boardroom area for meetings, a guest suite and valet parking, and a chauffeured sedan is also available. The condos will run from roughly $700,000 to $4 million and are expected to be completed in Spring 2017.

The spacious condos will start at around $700,000.

In addition to the finer points, location is, of course, key. "Fitler Square is an urban oasis with stunning views of the city, beautiful parks and close proximity to the Schuylkill River Trail," explains Dranoff. That trail, it should be noted, was recently ranked as the country's best urban trail in a reader poll conducted by USA Today. "We wanted potential buyers to experience the excitement of the city combined with the surrounding of natural elements."

Dranoff talks up Baker

For One Riverside, Dranoff partnered with architect Cecil Baker, who's also designing 500 Walnut (of Beyonce and Jay Z rumors). Also in Baker's portfolio is Locust Walk at Washington Square, a once-vacant turn-of-the-century building restored into residential units.

"A site so extraordinary and important as [One Riverside] needed a great architectural talent," Dranoff says. "[Baker's] firm has received more than 50 regional and national design awards, and in 2008 he was named to the Hall of Fame by Residential Architect. His name is synonymous with great architecture throughout this city."

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Eagles legend

Eagles to honor two players

On Oct. 19 prior to the Eagles game against the Giants, the team will honor Maxie Baughan (from the 1960 championship team) and Brian Westbrook into its Hall of Fame. "I worked hard to be honored like this," Westbrook said at alumni day Tuesday.

Kelly's revolutionary use of sports science is paying off

NFL. Chip Kelly's fast-paced offense stems from his unending desire to get his players to their maximum health.

The Chip Kelly approach to football is not restricted to his revolutionary offense on the field.

He obsessively utilizes the best sports science available to ensure his athletes are doing exactly the right amount, and right kind of work to get better each day.

Take new running back DeMarco Murray. Last year with Dallas, Murray led the NFL in rushing with 1,845 yards on an eye-popping 392 carries. Simply limiting his carries (he will split his workload with Darren Sproles and Ryan Mathews) isn't enough for Kelly in his quest to maximize Murray's health and output.

Chip Kelly runs every single facet of his football team with a singular purpose — winning games. / GETTY IMAGES

Sensing he wasn't quite hydrated enough during Sunday's first training camp practice, Murray sat out 11-on-11 drills after participating in team drills.

"We monitor guys in a lot of different ways," Kelly said. "If we find out a guy isn't hydrated enough, which puts him in a more susceptible situation to injury, that's what out sports science program is here to do."

Murray, of course, was fine Monday and Tuesday, taking his usual reps with the first-team offense. But despite being perhaps the fittest Eagle, he is still subject to the necessity of being fully hydrated throughout practice.

"If you don't have the right amount of liquid and electrolytes in your system it doesn't matter how fit you are," Kelly said.

The program starts each day with an iPad survey for each player to find out what kind of shape they are in heading into practice. Then the player's output is measured throughout the day as well as several vitals and other pieces of useful information to the medical and coaching staff.

"We have full monitors on everybody," the coach said. "We have full GPS systems, heart monitors and other things so we can prevent injuries before they happen."

Kelly went on to point out, after some playful jabbing from Eagles reporters Tuesday, that the GPS system only works on the field and not when the players leave the Eagles practice facility.

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Matthews says stamina is underrated in the NFL

NFL. Jordan Matthews knows that in Chip Kelly's system, building endurance is paramount.

No pressure, but Jordan Matthews is, more or less, the Eagles' No. 1 receiver heading into 2015. / GETTY IMAGES

Stamina is underrated in the NFL.

Especially if you want to play for Chip Kelly.

As a key cog in the fast-paced offense, and now a veteran with big responsibilities during just his second NFL season, Jordan Matthews knows how important it is for the Eagles to practice well, get faster and build the stamina to be able to play a full 60 minutes in the fall.

"The speed of the game, it kind of picks up," Matthews said. "And fatigue picks up too. It's the offense — it's very fast. Most teams they just do two-minute drills; sometimes we do that every period. It's a different kind of shape you've gotta be in."

Matthews clearly has gotten himself into perfect shape for the Kelly offense, tallying 872 yards on 67 catches last year. Many expect him to finish 2015 much closer to 1,200 receiving yards — or more.

He may hail from Alabama by way of Vanderbilt, but Matthews says he is the embodiment of everything Philly. Which acts as a great motivator as he looks to improve in year 2.

"We are blue collar," Matthews said. "We have to go out and grind it out. We aren't worried about different opinions, what we need and what we don't have."

All Matthews and the rest of the Eagles receiving corps can do is focus on the work at hand. And for the Eagles under Kelly's regime, the work at hand is getting stronger and building more stamina.

"As the game goes on, routes aren't as crisp as the first quarter," the receiver said. "Being able to stay in shape and play a full game, it can help you. When the game is on the line, sometimes technique goes out the window and you've gotta just be a beast."

The sports science program practiced at the NovaCare complex is a good complement to what the Eagles are trying to do this year: Go even faster.

"If you know better, you do better," Matthews said. "I think sometimes football is such a blue-collar sport, people want to push through — and say 'It's football.' These guys are tough but they don't have to prove themselves anymore, it's the NFL. Luckily we have a coach who wants to put as much effort into that as Xs and Os."

Wednesday is a players day off before the Birds are back on the field at the NovaCare Complex Thursday morning.

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"One thing Coach Kelly preaches to us is to know how to practice and how to be a professional."

Jordan Matthews' teammate Cedric Thornton on the importance of practicing in a smart way under Chip Kelly.

At the Linc

Tim Tebow / EVAN MACY

Eagles practice with pads, in front of fans

Things got real (or at least more real) on Day 3 of training camp Tuesday when the Eagles took the field at Lincoln Financial Field in front of fans, all padded up for the first time this year.

"Anytime you can step inside the Linc and be around the fans, it's a wonderful feeling," Cedric Thornton said. "It reminds you why we're here, we are here for a purpose."

It was the fans' first opportunity to see newcomers such as DeMarco Murray and Sam Bradford suit up. And the fans were enthused, to say the least.

"It's fun, man," Jordan Matthews said. "These fans come out here and you would think it was game day the way they're cheering."

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Cardinals (67-38)

It doesn't appear the Cardinals will be stopped any time soon, as they continue their impressive run that's lasted since the beginning of the season. They hold the best record in the league and have a major league-leading plus-110 run differential.

No. 2

Royals (62-42)

Kansas City still holds the best record in the American League, although that could be challenged in the final two months, as a number of teams made some big additions at the trade deadline. Lorenzo Cain's 5.8 WAR is the second-best in the AL.

No. 3

Pirates (61-43)

The Pirates are unfortunate to be in the same division as the Cardinals as in any other division they would be in first place. Pittsburgh did suffer some bad news this week when it was learned A.J. Burnett will be out four weeks with a flexor strain.

No. 4

Dodgers (60-45)

With their now bolstered starting rotation, the Dodgers have won seven of their last 10 games to build a three-game lead in the NL West. L.A. will be very tough in the postseason with a rotation led by of Clayton Kershaw.

No. 5

Astros (60-47)

With some moves at the trade deadline, the Astros appear ready for the stretch run as they have already taken over first place in the AL West. Trading for Scott Kazmir to go along with AL All-Star starter Dallas Keutchel will be tough to top in a playoff series.

No. 6

Yankees (59-45)

In a bit of a surprise, the Yankees were the team to pull away from everyone in the AL East as they have opened a 5.5-game lead over the Orioles. They didn't do much at the trade deadline, although they did promote pitching prospect Luis Severino.

No. 7

Cubs (57-47)

Here come the Cubs. Winners of five straight, the Cubs have moved to the second wild-card spot in the National League. It will be interesting to see if they can keep up their strong play of late and get into the postseason.

No. 8

Giants (57-48)

After a recent hot streak, the Giants have cooled off and are now three games back of the Dodgers in the NL West following the trade deadline. Buster Posey's 5.3 WAR is the third-best mark in the American League.

No. 9

Angels (56-49)

The Angels are in a bit of a funk, which has allowed the Astros to take over the lead in the AL West. They have dropped eight of 10 to fall three games back. Los Angels added to its outfield depth at the deadline, but will it pay dividends?

No. 10

Mets (56-50)

The Mets have won four straight and seven of 10 games to take over first place in the NL East. Jacob deGrom has turned into one of the best pitchers in the entire league as his 2.09 ERA is the second-best in the NL.

No. 11

Blue Jays (55-52)

The Blue Jays are going for it. After adding Troy Tulowitski they weren't done as they traded for David Price because their starting rotation desperately needed improvement. They have an AL-leading plus-110 run differential.

No. 12

Nationals (54-50)

Washington is struggling of late, losing four straight games to now fall out of first place in the NL East. It's been the thought that their starting pitching would carry them, which it has, but not to the point some thought it would.

No. 13

Orioles (54-51)

Baltimore is making a push for the postseason as they have won eight of their last 10 games to move 5.5 games out in the AL East, but tied for the second wild-card spot. Pitching has been an important missing piece so far.

No. 14

Twins (54-51)

The Twins have picked a bad time to struggle as they have dropped seven of their last 10 to fall 8.5 games back in the AL Central. It would appear their only shot at the postseason would be through the wild card.

No. 15

Rays (53-54)

Things don't look good for the Rays as they didn't do much at the trade deadline and trail the Yankees by 7.5 games in the AL East. The weird thing for the Rays is they are three games below .500 at home.

No. 16

Rangers (52-53)

Even at a game below .500 the Rangers are just two games out of a wild-card spot. They improved their chances by trading for Cole Hamels and with him also under control put themselves in a better position for next year.

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